Land owned by railway on both sides of the railway track in the country

4520. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many hectares of land is owned by the Railways adjacent to both sides of the railway tracks in the whole country;

(b) out of this what is the hectares of land which has been taken up for forestry and if so, how much lands is now covered; and

(c) what programme Government propose to take to cover the remaining land into forestry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Features of Railways Annual Plan

4521. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of Railways Annual Plan for the year 1992-93;

(b) whether the Railways have to procure foreign exchange at market rate;

(c) if so, the likely additional burden on Indian Railways; and

(d) in what manner the Railways propose to meet the financial obligations in view of declining budgetary support and limited reliance on market borrowings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Create infrastructure capacity to meet revenue traffic targets of 354 million tonnes of originating traffic. Gauge conversion and electrification are some of the thrust areas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The likely increase towards foreign exchange expenditure as a result of procuring foreign exchange at market rate and the resultant liability towards increased customs duty, would be about 32 per cent.

(d) By increasing productivity, adopting economy measures and prioritising important projects, Railways plan to tide over resource crunch?

Novel features of "Zero missing amenities fittings" introduced by the Railways

4522. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the novel features of "Zero Missing Amenities Fittings" introduced by the Railways;

(b) what is the additional outlay for this scheme;

(c) whether there is any long-distance line included in this scheme in the South Central Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A pilot scheme has been introduced to ensure that all important amenity fittings like lights, fans, bathroom fittings, shutters etc. are provided in nominated passenger trains. Missing amenity fittings are identified and recouped during Primary Maintenance.

(b) No additional outlay has been provided for the Scheme. This will be implemented within available revenue grant.

(c) and (d) Six pairs of trains have been identified in the pilot scheme on South Central Railway in a phased manner starting from 1-10-1992 as listed below:—

(1) 2723/2724 Hyderabad-New Delhi A. P. Express.

(2) 7053/7054 Hyderabad-Madras Express.

(3) 7008/7007 Hyderabad-Vishakapatnam Godavari Exp.

(4) 7201/7202 Hyderabad-Guntur Golconda Exp.